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Comment : I am opposed the proposal to amend the amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license.

Amateur radio has furthered many modes of communications including morse code and to remove this mode as a requirement would mean loosing a vital talent used for communications and would hamper further development in this mode.

Communication by morse code in many cases may be the only reliable method of communication. If this requirement were removed amateur service may not be able to continue in its long standing of public service during disaster relief under all conditions

We must push ourselves to continue to strive for excellence. This must be a tested skill in technical abilities in electronic knowledge but also all communication methods. This proposal in my opinion dummies down the requirements to hold an amateur radio license and in no way furthers the service.